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Inventors: Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.)

Dear Examiner Sarkar:

Thank you for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on October 15, 2004. Per your suggestion, Applicants are submitting herewith a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement for your consideration. Further, per your suggestion to fax the documents directly to your personal fax number, Applicants have attempted to fax the same on October 19, 2004 but was unsuccessful. Hence, these documents are being submitted via a courier.

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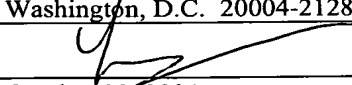
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